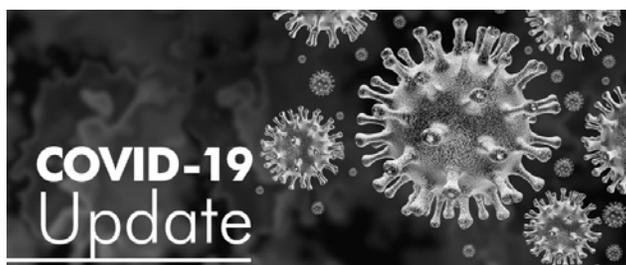


PEMBROKE REGIONAL HOSPITAL



DATE: April 9th, 2020

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update #22

Today's Take-Aways:

- As part of our regular updates on the number of patients in our care who are probable and confirmed cases of COVID-19, here are today's numbers: eight probable COVID-19 cases on Medical 2A and one probable COVID-19 case in ICU; no confirmed COVID-19 cases at PRH.
- PPE challenges continue to be managed, including the current inventory of surgical/procedure masks. Please know that there is a lot of effort being made on this front at the regional and provincial levels to ensure there is long-term supply and that distribution is fair and equitable. Here is a current status of our priority PPE items:

Pembroke Regional Hospital Pandemic Supply Inventory
 April 9, 2020

Items targeted during Pandemic	Total Stock
Hand Sanitizer 500ml	86
Hand Sanitizer 1000ml	97
N95 Respirators 8110s 3% of staff fit tested	222
N95 Respirators 1870+ 50% of staff fit tested	809
N95 Respirators 1860S 37% of staff fit tested	2,128
N95 Respirators 9210+	180
N95 Respirators 8210 2% of staff fit tested	978
N95 Respirators 1860 4% of staff fit tested	96
Gowns Isolation (Level 2 XLg Yellow)	3,606
Latex-Free Gloves Small - each (vinyl) 13.6%	54,600
Latex-Free Gloves Medium - each (vinyl) 48.3%	56,550
Latex-Free Gloves Large - each (vinyl) 36.1%	70,950
Latex-Free Gloves X-Large - each (vinyl) 1.9%	3,150
Safety glasses	1,493
Disinfecting Wipes (Accel)	110
Safety goggles (over glasses)	728
Mask isolation (ear loop no visor)	1,889
Mask isolation (with tie no visor)	2,400
Mask visor ear loop	1,400
Mask visor with tie	775
Full face shield with velcro strap	706
Nasopharyngeal Swab (EORLA)	40
goggles - vented	124
Shoe Cover	700
*Concerns about Supply	

- A new comprehensive document on Personal Protective Equipment for all staff and physicians was issued today. Please ensure that you read this document as it answers many of the questions on PPE that have recently been received.

- As you may have heard, the province is permitting licensed child care centres to open to provide emergency child care services for health care and other frontline staff. We have been advised by the County of Renfrew Child Care department that (at this time) two (2) licenced centres have applied to open and it is anticipated that up to five (5) spots will be available by mid-April. To secure a spot in one of these daycares, an online application will need to be submitted; we will pass on this information as soon as it becomes available.

We understand that the closure of schools and daycares has had a significant impact on staff with infants and school-aged children. We are mindful that juggling parental responsibilities and work is not easy at the best of times and we appreciate your managing your way through this and for finding creative solutions during this challenging time.

A reminder to staff that we have a “COVID-19 Assistance” bulletin board set up in the Tower B, 2nd floor staff corridor which has postings from older teenagers in our community offering to babysit. In addition, anyone experiencing difficulties in meeting child care obligations is encouraged to contact HR or their immediate supervisor.

- A good news story: Dr. Andreas Wielgosz has provided PRH Ambulatory clinics with additional clinic time for our heart failure patients. Dr. Wielgosz is coming to PRH and calling our patients for new consults and follow ups in order to keep these patients safe at home. The Heart Function Clinic's RNs are assisting in this process, as is our Telemedicine RPN. As a result we no longer have a wait list for heart failure patients. They are booked for an appointment by phone within a few weeks of their referral.

- Starting next week, this regular information update will change from a daily publication to one that is issued two to three times per week. In addition, the format will change to be more reader-friendly, with some added features like celebrations and shout-outs, photos and some short features about our staff, physicians and others doing outstanding things during challenging times.

- In Renfrew County there are still 12 laboratory confirmed cases of COVID-19 and one death to date. There have been 615 people tested, with 155 still under investigation. For the latest Renfrew County information on COVID-19, please visit www.rcdhu.com.

- In Ontario, there have been 5,759 laboratory confirmed cases of COVID-19 to date. There have been 200 deaths to date and 2,305 cases have been resolved. A total of 632 patients are hospitalized, 264 of those in ICU and 214 of those on ventilator. A total of 88,698 people have been tested and 1,208 remain under investigation. For up-to-date information on provincial COVID-19 statistics, please visit www.ontario.ca.

- For all COVID-19 related questions, please be sure to email them to **covid19questions@prh.email** rather than sending them directly to Infection Prevention and Control. Before you send a question, check the Staff Resources section of our website (pembrokeregionalhospital.ca) to see if the question you are asking has already been asked and answered. Questions and answers are posted and organized by date.

Need information, assistance or have suggestions?

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Infection Prevention and Control at extension 7106 or Occupational Health and Safety at extension 7202 or your immediate supervisor.

If you have any suggestions on COVID-19 preparation, please bring these forward at your huddles or to your supervisor.

Recognizing the stress and anxiety that a situation like this can bring about, we remind you that our Employee Assistance Program (EAP) has experts available to help by calling 1-844-880-9142 or visiting their website at www.worklifehealth.com.

Mental health workers are now offering free therapy to Ontario's frontline COVID-19 staff. For more information visit <https://covid19therapists.com/>.

